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CINCPAC PLEASE REPEAT TO DEPCHJUSMAGTHAI; CINCUSARPAC TO
7TH PSYOP GP; HANDLE AS "SPECAT EXCLUSIVE."

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PSYOP PRESSURE CAMPAIGN

REF: A. VIENTIANE 2839/121035Z APR 73
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1. REF A PROPOSED, IN ADDITION TO OTHER PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE OPERATIONS, THAT CINCPAC PRINT FOUNTAIN PEN TRAIL VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE LEAFLETS TO INCREASE RLG LEAFLET OPERATIONS AGAINST NVA FORCES IN LAOS. BY REF B, CINCPAC WAS AUTHORIZED TO COMMENCE PROVIDING MISSION/RLG APPROVED FOUNTAIN PEN/TRAIL CAMPAIGN LEAFLETS FOR DELIVERY BY RLAF. REF C HALTED PREPARATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING PROPOSED USAF HIGH-ALTITUDE WIND DRIFT LEAFLETING OF NVA CONCENTRATIONS IN LAOS FROM THAI AIRSPACE.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER TOOK NOTE OF WASHINGTON'S DECISION NOT TO PROCEED FURTHER WITH USAF HIGH-ALTITUDE WIND DRIFT LEAFLET OPERATIONS AGAINST NVA CONCENTRATIONS IN LAOS WITHOUT COMMENT.
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3. RLAF WIND DRIFT LEAFLET OPERATIONS, WHICH INITIALLY GOT OFF TO A SLOW START, HAVE SHOWN ENCOURAGING PROGRESS IN SPITE OF INCREASING DEMANDS PLACED ON RLAF'S AIRLIFT CAPABILITY RESULTING FROM CUTBACKS IN CONTRACT AIR SUPPORT. CREWS FROM RLAF SQUADRONS SUP-

PORTING MILITARY REGIONS II, III, IV AND V WERE TRAINED IN WIND DRIFT TECHNIQUES AND DROPS HAVE EXPENDED ALL BUT A FEW OF THE APPROXIMATE ONE HUNDRED MILLION LEAFLETS PROVIDED TO THE RLG.

4. PRINTING OF LEAFLETS BY 7TH PSYOP GROUP WAS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED ON 5 JUL TO ALLOW A SMALL BACKLOG OF LEAFLETS TO BE EXHAUSTED. AS OF 1 AUG, FAR HAD APPROXIMATELY A ONE-WEEK SUPPLY ON HAND, AT THE CURRENT RATE OF DELIVERY, AND REQUESTED RESUMPTION OF PRINTING OF MIX 319. MISSION PLANS TO ALTERNATE MIX 319 WITH MIX 326 UNTIL A NEW MIX IS DEVELOPED AND APPROVED. MIX 326 WAS DEVELOPED AT SUGGESTION OF 7TH PSYOP GROUP TO INCREASE THE RANGE AND DEPTH OF RLAF'S DELIVERY CAPABILITY UTILIZING THE APPROVED LEAFLET TEXTS IN MIX 319.

5. ASSUME THAT DECISION TO CEASE FURTHER PREPARATIONS FOR USAF LEAFLETING OF NVA IN LAOS DOES NOT ALTER APPROVAL TO PRINT LEAFLETS FOR RLG, AS LONG AS RLG PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS PRIORITIES CONTINUE TO BE IN ACCORD WITH OUR OWN. REQUEST CONFIRMATION ON THIS POINT.

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